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Eligibility Staff

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TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND FOOD STAMP MASS CHANGE

The Temporary Assistance and Food Stamp Mass Change jobs ran successfully this weekend. These jobs:

- Ended the 2-parent seasonal benefit reduction for Temporary Assistance;
- Implemented the new food stamp standards changes and TA/FS regional utility standards; and,
- Automated issuance of Permanent Fund Dividend Hold Harmless payments.

The majority of cases had Temporary Assistance and food stamp benefits recalculated accordingly, and these cases appear on the MASP1 report.

Cases that failed Mass Change are listed on the MASS2 report. **These cases are still authorized and October benefits will issue incorrectly unless these cases are worked in September prior to the regular run.** The cases that failed mass change will predominantly be:

- August applications and review/recertifications that did not have September benefits authorized before August 30;
- Cases for which a Food Stamp recertification or Temporary Assistance review is due in September; and
- Cases with penalized Temporary Assistance recipients.

If a case is rejected by the Mass Change job, the caseworker must:

1. Process these cases and authorize October benefits on the FSAD in order to allow EIS to apply the table changes.

Revised Addendum 4 and Addendum 7 are being distributed to all staff this week. You may view these updates on line at:

<http://dpaweb.hss.state.ak.us/main/manual/FSP/fsptoc1.htm>

2. Determine if the household is expected to receive PFDs in October and authorize the PFD hold harmless benefit, if appropriate.

A complete list of PFD Hold Harmless Notices is attached.

Other changes not related to the mass change job include:

New Food Stamp Alien Policy:

Effective October 1, 2003, qualified alien children are eligible for food stamps. Determine if there are eligible alien household members and if so, add them onto the food stamp case. Lists of disqualified aliens are being sent to managers and supervisors today to assist caseworkers in identifying aliens who may now be eligible for food stamps.

EIS Notices relating to alien eligibility have been revised:

F205 Food Stamps Denied - Ineligible Alien

F405 Food Stamps Closed - Ineligible Alien

F705 FS Decreased - Member Ineligible Alien

Alaska Senior Assistance Program (AKSAP) payments:

AKSAP payments are countable income for all programs except APA, SSI, and APA-related Medicaid. If the client reports receiving AKSAP payments and there is time to give NOAA, enter the AKSAP income on the UNIN and redetermine eligibility.

Ending of Alaska Longevity Bonus payments:

APA workers will need to rework October APA benefits for non-SSI recipients who stopped receiving ALB payments and are now

eligible for SSI. A list of these individuals has already been provided to APA Offices.

If you have any system related questions, please contact the Help Desk at EISHelp@health.state.ak.us. If you have policy questions, please contact DPA Policy at DPAPolicy@health.state.ak.us.